

WI-490

1882, 1959, 1968

Zion United Methodist Church

Parsonsborg vicinity

Public worship

Historically known as Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, this rural congregation financed construction of a plain single-story, gable-roofed frame structure in 1882. The rectangular church has been remodeled and enlarged, first in 1959 with a brick entry and new foundation. A Sunday School wing was attached to the east side nine years later in 1968. The Parsons Election District map printed in the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas indicates that the Methodist Episcopal congregation at this intersection predates the construction of the current building.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Zion M. E. Church

other Zion United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number 31104 Zion Road not for publication

city, town Parsonsborg x vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Zion United Methodist Church

street and number 31104 Zion Road telephone

city, town Parsonsborg state MD zip code 21849

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

x Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	1	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		domestic		structures
object		education		_ objects
		funerary	1	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		x religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Zion United Methodist church stands at 31104 Zion Road at the intersection with Zion Church Road west of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story frame structure faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1882 and remodeled in 1959, the single-story, gable-front frame church is supported by a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the east side and north sides of the main block are mid twentieth-century additions.

The south (main) facade of the late nineteenth-century church is dominated by a brick gable front entry flanked by nine-over-nine sash windows. A marble datestone is fixed in the southwest corner and is inscribed, "Zion M. E. Church" and the date 1882. Fixed to the peak of the gable roof is a pyramidal roofed cupola.

On the west side three nine-over-nine sash windows light the nineteenth-century church. Attached to the east side and the north gable end are single-story additions. The east end wing was built in 1968.

The interior was not seen.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
X1800-1899	X architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
1900-1999	art	entertainment/	landscape architecture	X religion	
2000-	commerce	recreation	law	science	
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history	
	community planning	exploration/	maritime history	transportation	
	conservation	settlement	military	other:	

Significance dates 1882, 1959, 1968

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Church

Historic Environment: Rural crossroads

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Religion

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

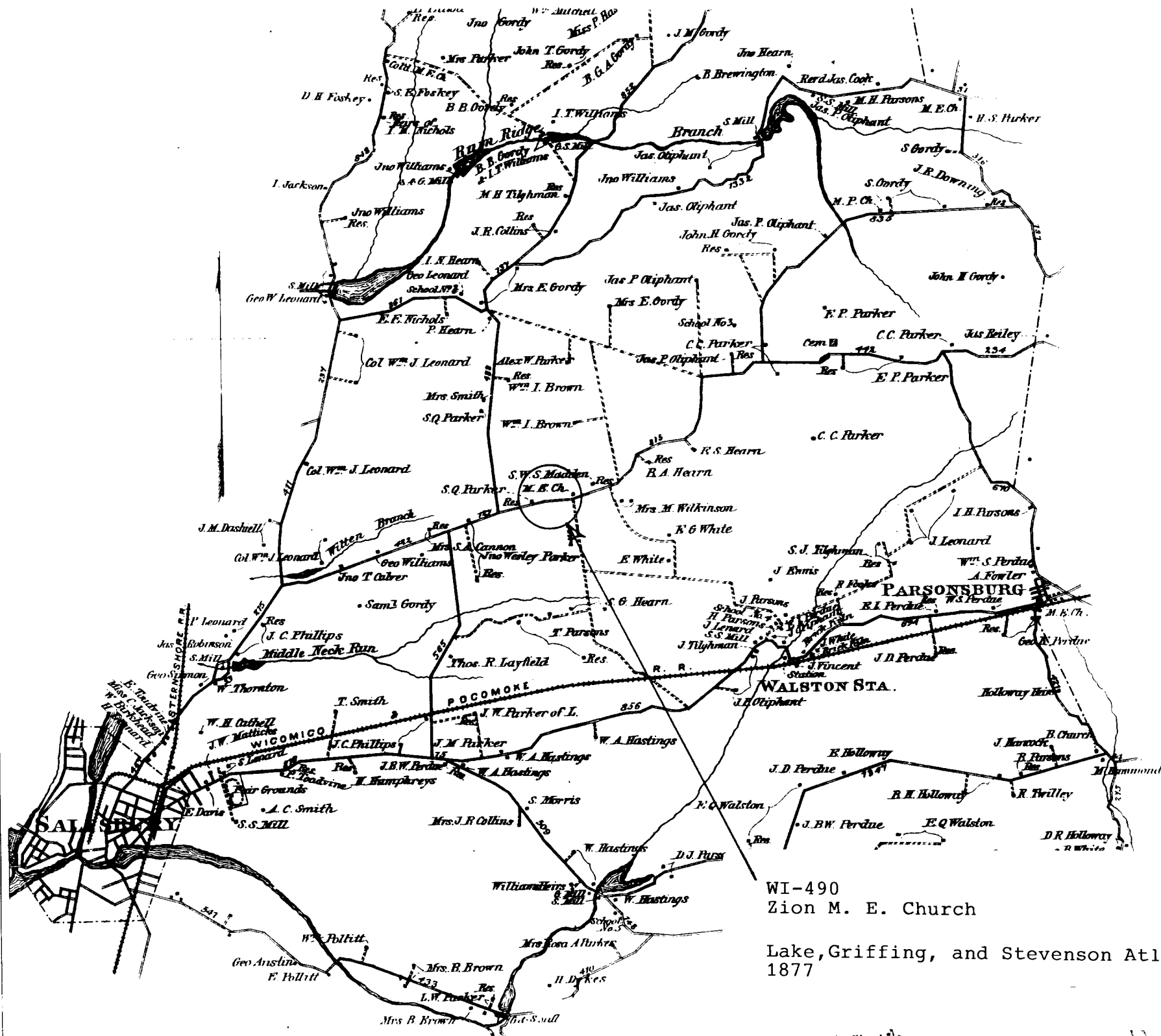
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city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

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Leonard Pond

Radio Tower

South
Prong

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Zion M. E. Church

31104 Zion Road

Delmar, MD DEL. Quadrangle 1946

P A R S O N S N O 5

Brewington

Branch

Middle Neck

Five Points

BM N56

Salisbury
port

Branch

Neck

Middle

Creek

Walston

Peggy

Branch

BALTIMORE

EASTERN

Ham



